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Regular meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES
CITY OF PALATKA
December 8, 2011

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 8th day of December, 2011.

PRESENT:

Mayor	Vernon Myers
Commissioner	Mary Lawson Brown
Commissioner	Allegra Kitchens
Commissioner	Phil Leary
Commissioner	James Norwood, Jr.

Also Present: City Manager Elwin C. "Woody" Boynton, Jr.; City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Finance Director Matthew Reynolds; Planning Director Thad Crowe, Police Chief Gary Getchell; Fire Chief Mike Lambert, Airport Manager John Youell, and Main Street Manager Charles Rudd.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Reverend Charles Rabun, Associate Pastor; First Baptist Church of Palatka

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – George Crawford

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/10/11 and 11/23/11 Special Meeting – Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

1. PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:

PROCLAMATION – Reverend Charlie Rabun Day – December 11, 2011 – Brother Charlie Rabun was present to receive the proclamation, which was read and presented by Mayor Mayors, commemorating the 25th Anniversary of his service as Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church of Palatka.

Reverend Kennedy, Pastor, First Baptist Church, said Brother Charlie, with 25 years' service, is the longest-serving minister in the history of the Church, and has overseen the work of nine senior pastors.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA – Eagle Scout Recognition – Christopher Graham, Kyle Paul Brooks, and Daniel Cole Davis were present to receive individual proclamations recognizing their

attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout, read and presented by Mayor Myers. Not present were Michael Ryan Welch and Lanie Jacob Moore. George Crawford, BSA Eagle Scout Representative, noted Mayor Myers is himself an Eagle Scout, a rank achieved before the Scout's 18th Birthday.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – December, 2011 – Commissioner Norwood joined Mayor Myers in presenting certificates of achievement to the following students for academic achievement, leadership, citizenship and attendance at their respective schools:

Kenneth Neely	Beasley Middle School
Brandon Lee	Browning Pearce Elementary School
Jasmine Williams	Children's Reading Center Charter School
Phillip Holmes	E.H. Miller School
Nathan Futch	James A. Long Elementary School
Jarvis Melton	Jenkins Middle School
Cheyanna Drawdy	Kelley Smith Elementary School
Samatha Stephenson	Mellon Elementary School
Ontarriyus Reid	Moseley Elementary School
Willie Miller, III	Palatka High School
David Kelly	Peniel Baptist Academy

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sam Deputy, 917 Carr Street, thanked Commissioners Kitchens and Brown for their participation in the Palatka Christmas Parade, and Mayor Myers for attending the Putnam County Historical Society Christmas Party. They love the Christmas lights downtown and are appreciative that Mr. Rudd has worked so hard to make the downtown so festive. They are giving away postcards, and are asking people to mail them out to entice people to come to Downtown Palatka. The photo was taken by his brother at 2:00 a.m.

Mr. Deputy said the Azalea Festival is coming up in March. The poster depicts a painting done in 1937 done by a local artist, and these paintings will be on display at the art show. The gentlemen also had photos of the 1930's beauty queens and PHS band from the 1940's.

David Wade, no address given, thanked the City for the hard work done on the downtown lights and by the City employees. He asked for a standing ovation for Jonathan Griffith and Charles Rudd. Regarding the moving of the Clock Tower, he said this is fruitless and is not worth the expense. The equipment weight alone has a high risk of damaging the new asphalt. A better use of the money would be to make the Clock work, and make improvements to the area surrounding it, etc.

Mr. Wade said a recent on-line poll by the PDN shows that 60% of the citizens are in favor of the demolition of the 100 block buildings. At the recent town hall meeting, no one mentioned that in the 30's and 40's the 100 block was Palatka's Red Light District; this is not much of a history. In the early 2000's the cost of repairs alone necessary to bring these buildings up to Code and ready to occupy was between \$2.5 to \$3.5 million.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **Adopt Airport Business Plan** per Airport Manager's Recommendation
- b. **Authorize execution of modification to FEMA Subgrant Agreement #11HM-3H-04-64-02-007** to extend the completion date to March 29, 2012 for the St. Johns Avenue/16th Street Drainage Hazard Mitigation Project, per City Manager's recommendation
- c. **Authorize removal of traffic light at 11th & Madison Streets**, per City Manager's recommendation
- d. **Reappoint Marcia Lane and Ellsworth Taylor, Jr. to the Palatka Board of Zoning Appeals** for five year terms to expire July, 2016 (incumbent members; sole applicants)

- e. **Reappoint Kenneth Venables and Joseph Petrucci to the Palatka Planning Board** for three-year terms to expire December 31, 2014 (incumbents; sole applicants)
- f. **Recommend the appointment of Adam Bujak to the Putnam County Library Board** for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2014 (sole applicant)
- g. **Accept Sue Roshkosh's resignation from the Palatka Planning Board**, effective immediately
- h. **Adopt City Commission Meeting Calendar** for January 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2012

Commissioner Kitchens asked to pull Item 3(c) for discussion. Commissioner Brown asked to pull Item 3(h) for comment. Commissioner Norwood moved to approve all other items on the Consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

- c. **Authorize removal of traffic light at 11th & Madison Streets**, per City Manager's recommendation – Commissioner Kitchens said she had no problem with this. She suggests moving the light to 11th & Main Streets to make it easier to turn left there. Mr. Boynton said they will do a traffic light study at 11th & Main prior to moving the light. There is more left-turn traffic there than at other intersections. Commissioner Brown said this was the 2nd light in town, and was put there because that turn from 11th to Madison is how traffic got to the Old Jacksonville Highway. Commissioner Leary said under engineering standards it will only make longer waits; that short distance between Reid and Main will make it worse than it is now. Commissioner Norwood moved to approve Item 3 (c), removal of traffic light at 1th & Madison, and direct the City Manager to commission a traffic study to relocate the light. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.
 - h. **Adopt City Commission Meeting Calendar** for January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 - Commissioner Brown said they have a calendar they do for the entire year, but there are some meetings she has to go to that have not yet been scheduled, and asked if the schedule can be adjusted. Mayor Myers said this is a starting point. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the 2012 City Commission Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.
4. **COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUSINESS** – Accept CRA Recommendations as follows (CRA meeting held 12/8/11)
- a. **ADOPT 2012 CRA ANNUAL PLAN**, including the Central Business District (CBD), North Historic District (NHD) and South Historic District (SHD)
 - b. **APPROVE branding proposal and authorize execution of contract with Arnett Muldow & Associates** at an amount not to exceed \$8,000, per Main Street Board Recommendation
- Commissioner Norwood moved to approve the CRA business as stated. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

5. **COMMISSION DISCUSSION** – 100 Block Redevelopment – Mr. Boynton said at the November 23rd meeting there was a general discussion regarding how to move forward with this item. There was a Town Hall meeting held earlier in the month where they heard many citizen comments for and against keeping the buildings. There was no discussion on how staff should move forward. Tonight this Commission should direct staff to spend some funds to get some studies completed for presentation to the Commission, as late as February, related to costs associated with either demolition, rehabbing the buildings, or third party recommendations on preserving the integrity of the buildings should they be preserved. He has spoken with various individuals on what studies have already been done by CDP and with 3rd party architects about looking at the structural integrity and stabilization. He's contacted a contractor regarding demolition costs. There are economic considerations this Commission should study before making a finding on the fate of the 100 block buildings. He'd like to move forward with those

undertakings and update the Commission as to the status on this at the first meeting in January. He will present a full package to the Commission at the late January or February meeting.

Mr. Boynton said he distributed the former Developer RFP to the Commission last month. They may want to look at that prior to the completion of these reports, or wait until after the studies are completed. Per Commissioner Leary's question, he said Mr. Ham did not have any formal studies done, but had his structural engineer look at the buildings and had internal cost estimates. Commissioner Leary said it would be more prudent to get estimates from a civil engineer instead of an architect. Mr. Boynton said the concern is not only the structural integrity, but the cost to reface or rebrick them. Typically you begin with the discipline of more value. Commissioner Leary said he appreciates people giving him their opinion on the fate of the 100 Block, as he was absent from the Town Hall meeting. He does not believe you can refurbish those buildings for the cost it would take to clear them and do new construction. Even if the integrity of the walls is there, what developer would want to redevelop them in these economic times? They are the worst eyesore in the community. He's frustrated with the time frames and not being able to move forward with redevelopment.

Commissioner Brown said she'd like to see something done and have a report back ASAP. There is someone who would like to do something with those buildings. They have waited for a long time for progress. She'd like to see some direction taken by February 1. It's time to do something with those buildings. Commissioner Kitchens concurred and said they need to move forward and absolutely need to find out what is in the best financial interest of the City. Several developers have come and gone, and all wanted to save at least the façade of the buildings. Given today's economic situation, that may change.

Commissioner Norwood said they need to allow the City Manager to collect the data on all options and bring it back in January. Mayor Myers said the decision they make will last forever; they've gone this long, and one or two months isn't going to matter. They've made great progress in Downtown Palatka. There is equal passion on both sides, no matter your stance on these buildings. They can't make the best decision unless they have accurate information; they are dealing with taxpayer funds and need the best information. They will then be better equipped to make the right decision.

Mr. Boynton said he does not want to tell the Commission he can assemble this information by the first meeting in January; he'd like to give them a report at the first meeting in January as to his progress. He may be able to have this assembled by the end of January.

Mayor Myers opened the floor for public comment, and said everyone provided opinions at the Town Hall Meeting; if anyone has anything to add to that, he welcomes comments, but does not want to rehear what was offered then.

Christy Sanford, 312 Dodge Street, said she has three new items to note. To narrow the question to cost factors is not looking at the total picture. There is no money for demolition. There are many sources of funding for renovation. The disposition of the property seems to have narrowed to either demolition or giving the property to a developer. She prefers the City undertake the redevelopment of the property. The second issue involves citizenship. She would no more dream of going to another city and tell them what to do with their properties, yet people came in from other communities to tell them what to do with their buildings. She believes the opinion of those who pay property taxes in Palatka should be given more weight.

Her third issue is vision. She has not heard a vision from proponents to tearing the buildings down. In all the meetings she's attended involving planning, she didn't see those proponents of tearing the buildings down. There is no vision other than tearing them down.

Joseph Petrucci, 2301 Campbell Street, referenced the article in the newspaper, and said Commissioner Kitchens is doing a great job. Old buildings remind us of our past. They have to do something; they've been studying this for years, since he moved here 16 years ago. He hopes they don't spend more money on another study to analyze what to do further. Maybe the City should move the welcome center to that area and put a museum in the lower half, and put apartments in the upper half. At the very least, until you figure out what you are going to do, paint the back of the building a different color. That paint color is an eyesore. They need to do something soon. Everyone who has spoken has valid points. It should be a public facility at least in the lower half.

Commissioner Kitchens said the studies they've quoted were not paid for by the City; they were done by other developers and the University of Florida. Mr. Petrucci said he did some research into CDP; he asks the City not do a sweetheart deal where they are giving the building away to someone. They should keep it in the City's control.

June Thompson, no address given, Palatka, suggested after they determine the cost of demolition, she asked they consider using that money to restore at least one of the buildings so people will see what they can look like, and people will be more willing to invest in Palatka.

David Wade said a former City Commissioner said 10 years ago the 100 Block was going to cost \$2.5 to \$3.5 million for renovation, and he can't understand why that number can't be used to decide on this, and if they can't decide, they need to put it to a referendum. He takes exception to Commissioner Kitchens' comments in the recent newspaper article. Mr. Bates is Putnam County's largest Realtor and said he wouldn't take the buildings for free plus \$500,000 to renovate the buildings. The Main Street Chairman and Chamber of Commerce spoke, and the largest businessman in Palatka, Mr. Beck, spoke, and all said the cost of renovation would be prohibitive. If this Commission is afraid to make a decision, let the taxpayers decide.

Annie Svetlik, 511 N. Church Street, said Mr. Wade wrote a letter regarding the dubious past of the 100 block. It does not matter if this was the red light district. Other historic buildings that were red light districts are now famous buildings; one example is a restaurant in Key West, thanks to the history connected to it. The buildings need to be saved and it would be great if FloArts could open a school there. They need to facilitate this with businesses downstairs and apartments upstairs. They can open the first business to sell items made in America.

Commissioner Norwood said by consensus they need to give the City Manager direction to collect this information. Commissioner Norwood moved to direct the City Manager to collect the necessary data per tonight's discussion and in accordance with his memorandum. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

Commissioner Kitchens said she replaced Commissioner Azula, the Commissioner Mr. Wade refers to, who was a good friend of hers. She does not know where he got his information. There was never a red light district in that part of Downtown Palatka. There were many respected businessmen in that block in the 30's and 40's. There was a federal business school there. To her knowledge there was never a red light district in any part of Downtown Palatka. There were houses reputed to be such areas, but not in Downtown Palatka and not in that block.

a. REQUEST TO PRESERVE THE 100 BLOCK BUILDINGS – Anthony Harwell – Mr. Harwell withdrew his request to present.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** USDA Grant Application to purchase a Fire Engine – Fire Chief Mike Lambert – Chief Lambert said this is a public meeting to discuss a USDA grant they have begun the application process on for \$150,000 for a 50% match for a fire engine. They are in desperate need of a fire engine; the newest engine is 13 years old.

RESOLUTION Authorizing execution and submittal of all grant agreement documents to obtain a USDA Rural Development CF Grant not to exceed \$150,000.00 from the US Dept. of Agriculture for the purchase of a fire engine – Adopt – The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PURCHASE A FIRE ENGINE, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the resolution as read. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. No member of the public stepped forward to comment. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens Norwood, Leary and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The Resolution was declared adopted.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE** Amending the Future Land Use Map on 4 Parcels of Land on Kay Larkin Circle and 2 Parcels of Land North of St. Johns Ave. and West of Moody Rd. (a total of more than 20 acres in size) from OPF (Other Public Facilities) to City IN (Industrial) – City of Palatka Building & Zoning Dept., Applicant - Adopt - The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BE AMENDED WITH RESPECT TO SIX PARCELS OF LAND (GREATER THAN 20 ACRES IN SIZE) LOCATED ALONG KAY LARKIN CIRCLE AND WEST OF NORTH MOODY ROAD AND NORTH OF ST. JOHNS AVENUE FROM OPF (OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES) TO IN (INDUSTRIAL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the ordinance as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Norwood, Kitchens Leary and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.
8. **ORDINANCE** amending Municipal Code Section 94-201 to allow additional products sold at Farmers Markets – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTION 94-201 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS TO BE SOLD AT FARMERS MARKETS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to pass the ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. Ordinance passed on first reading.
9. **ORDINANCE** amending Municipal Code Section 94-111(b) to allow Planned Unit Developments in OPF and PB Future Land Use Map categories – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTION 94-111 TO ALLOW PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES FUTURE LAND USE MAP CATEGORIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. Commissioner Kitchens said this affects something that's been going on in the Moseley School area; the School Board has been operating a warehouse in an area not designated as such. This ordinance will allow them to apply for a conditional use permit.

Thad Crowe, Planning Director, said the School Board has spoken with residents. The School Board has agreed to the PUD concept provided they can resolve their differences. It does provide an avenue for the school district to seek this, and provides a way for the residents to resolve their issue. This is an administrative change that needed to be made, and has no bearing on any future submittal by the School Board. Mr. Holmes said this is not predicated on the one application by the school Board. Planning and Development is an overlay in certain zoning districts. It's true that if this ordinance is passed, the school board can apply for a PUD, but it's not proper to link the two. Mr. Holmes said Mr. Crowe has informed him this is a sound planning

decision to make regardless of the school board. Commissioner Leary said he is a professional planner and this takes the process to the planning board. There being no further discussion a roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Leary, Norwood, and Mayor Myers; yes. Commissioner Kitchens; no. The ordinance passed on first reading by a vote of 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

Mr. Holmes said the fact that a PUD is a vehicle allowed in a zoning category does not mean that any application will be approved; it just means it can be submitted. Any application will have to stand on its own independently of any factor that's come before the Commission tonight.

10. **ORDINANCE** amending Municipal Code Section 94-111(b) exempting single residential units within a building from the minimum parking requirements in the downtown zoning districts – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTIONS 94-161 AND 94-162 TO EXEMPT SINGLE RESIDENTIAL UNITS WITHIN A BUILDING FROM THE MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENT IN DOWNTOWN ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. Commissioner Kitchens said this is a good ordinance and downtown parking requirements need to be amended, but this is limited to buildings with only one residential residence upstairs. There are other buildings with more than one apartment unit. Other buildings have that potential. They need to do it for more than one unit, especially for existing buildings. Commissioner Brown said they are talking about getting people to move downtown, and live upstairs. Mr. Holmes said if there is only one residential unit on a tax parcel, it will have minimal impact. A tax parcel with five residential units will have a larger impact. If you have multiple residential units it will not be wise to eliminate parking requirements. Commissioner Brown said in certain families, there is more than one car, and if she did not have parking on a side lot, what would happen to her? Her children live there, and they have cars, and her grandchildren visit. She is in the Downtown Business District. Mr. Crowe said the intent is to start slowly and apply this to each property within the downtown district. Any parcel in those two districts might not have immediately available parking, but will have parking within a reasonable distance. Based upon a windshield survey, they won't have a problem. Commissioner Kitchens said they need to do a study and just pass one ordinance, and take care of each aspect of the problem. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Leary, Norwood, and Mayor Myers; yes. Commissioner Kitchens, no. The ordinance passed on first reading with four in favor, one opposed.
11. **ORDINANCE** amending Municipal Code Section 38-8 to reference recently adopted Flood Hazard Maps - 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA FLORIDA, AMENDING FLOODS CODE SECTION 38-8 TO REFERENCE UPDATED FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to pass the ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Leary, Kitchens, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared passed on first reading.
12. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
Proposed Workshop Dates – Thad Crowe, Planning Director directed the Commission's attention to his memorandum (filed). He wishes to set dates to consider an ordinance to address Chronic Nuisance Properties, historic preservation and certified local government, and a landscape code revision, which is out of date. These are on regular commission meeting dates. They can schedule them at 4:00 p.m. on those dates. There was consensus to add these dates, which coincide with the 2nd Commission meetings of the months of January, February and March, to the Commission Calendar for 2012.

Airport Fly-in on 1/28/12 – John Youell, Airport Manager, distributed information regarding the 2nd Annual Palatka Open House Fly-In scheduled for Saturday, January 28 from 9 am to 3 pm. So far the plan is similar to last year's event. They will have returning airplanes as well as new exhibits and vendors. They have a food sponsor, which was a huge success last year. There will be articles on the internet and in the newspaper giving notice of this event. Commissioner Brown thanked Mr. Youell, staff and volunteers for the great job they do on this event. Mr. Youell said they asked for a donation to the Wounded Warriors Fund for the food.

Mr. Boynton distributed initial renderings of the riverboats they are pursuing. The schedule for launch would be better set in January. They don't have finished drawings yet and he does not have a timetable for delivery.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kitchens said Vice Mayor Brown will be the guest of honor at a "roast" held in her honor on her 75th Birthday, and she'd like the City to purchase a table for this event. Commissioner Norwood said in the past the City has been asked to purchase tables for his church's events, and they did not, but individual commissioners could purchase tickets. Mayor Myers said this may be a conflict because she is a City Commissioner. He has purchased tickets. Commissioner Brown said her family is doing this to support the city's water taxi program and highlight the City. She hopes they will attend.

Commissioner Kitchens said she generally does not comment when citizens address the Commission, but she does want to clear up erroneous information, and that is why she commented on Mr. Wade's remarks tonight.

Commissioner Brown said they will attend Legislative Action Day next month, and wants to know what the travel policy is. If the City cannot pay all the cost, she'd like to know before she makes reservations. If the City does not have enough money to cover the cost, she'd like to know beforehand. She has covered her own expenses at other events because the City only paid for her room, but she paid for everything else. She knows they are tight for money and she travels more than anyone else. She goes to these functions to work and makes a difference. She'd like money for parking; she does not want to park far away from buildings in dangerous areas.

Commissioner Leary thanked the Mayor Myers for his patience and leadership on the 100 Block issue, and said he personally is not "leading any charge" with regards to the 100 Block; he is using his professional background and experience to express his opinion.

Commissioner Norwood wished all a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Myers said they've made a lot of progress over the past year, and thanked his fellow Commissioners and City staff for their leadership and hard work, and wished all a Merry Christmas.

- 14. ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Kitchens.